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## GEORGE H. W. BUSH CONFERENCE ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS AT 40:  
THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE  
WORLD'S MOST IMPORTANT BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP

OCTOBER 28-29, 2019

THE HOUSTONIAN HOTEL  
111 NORTH POST OAK LANE  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019

16:00-20:00      **Registration**

*Venue:*      *Grande Foyer*

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019

7:30-9:00      **REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**

*Venue:*      *Grande Foyer*

9:00-9:30      **OPENING REMARKS**

*Venue:*      *Grande Ballroom*

#### SPEAKERS

Mr. **Neil BUSH**, Founder and Chairman, George H. W. Bush Foundation  
for U.S.-China Relations

Mr. **David J. FIRESTEIN**, President and CEO, George H. W. Bush  
Foundation for U.S.-China Relations

9:30-10:00      **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

*Venue:*      *Grande Ballroom*

#### SPEAKER

Ambassador **CUI Tiankai**, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China  
to the United States

10:00-11:15

**SESSION I**  
**THE FIRST 40 YEARS OF U.S.-PRC RELATIONS: U.S. AND CHINESE PERSPECTIVES**

*In partnership with The Carter Center*

*Venue: Grande Ballroom*

**MODERATOR**

Dr. **Yawei LIU**, Director, China Program, The Carter Center

**PANELISTS**

Mr. **Maiyue CHENG**, Founding Trustee, Wuzhen Institute

Mr. **Charles FOSTER**, Vice Chairman, George H. W. Bush Foundation for U.S.-China Relations

Mr. **Tyler JOHNSON**, Chief Sales Officer, iQuate, Inc.

Dr. **WANG Jian**, Professor of History and International Political Economy, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

Forty years ago, on January 1, 1979, the United States and the People's Republic of China officially normalized diplomatic relations. Since that time, both countries and the world around them have undergone tremendous changes, and the U.S.-PRC relationship has become arguably the world's most important bilateral relationship. Please join our panelists as they reflect on both the highlights and challenges in U.S.-China relations over the past 40 years and how the normalization of diplomatic relations has impacted the two countries as well as the entire global community. Representing perspectives from both nations as well as a diverse range of professional and civic experiences, our panelists will share their first-hand observations, analyses and insights on the evolution of the U.S.-China relationship from 1979 to 2019.

11:15-11:30

**COFFEE BREAK**

*Venue: Grande Foyer*

11:30-12:45

**SESSION II  
U.S.-CHINA ENERGY TRADE AND INVESTMENT: RECENT  
DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES**

*In partnership with the Greater Houston Partnership*

*Venue: Grande Ballroom*

**MODERATOR**

Mr. **Bob HARVEY**, President and CEO, Greater Houston Partnership

**PANELISTS**

Dr. **Fred BEACH**, Professor, The University of Texas at Austin

Mr. **Linhua GUAN**, CEO, Surge Energy

Dr. **Charlie YAO**, CEO, YCI Methanol One, LLC

Panelists will provide an overview of the United States and China energy markets and recent developments within the energy industry, including the shale gas revolution, new energy practices and technologies and the United States' move from a net importer to a net exporter of oil and gas. The discussion will also focus on the future of the U.S.-China relationship as it relates to energy trade and investment and the challenges and opportunities facing the world's two largest economies. Panelists include the two largest Chinese investors in the United States within the upstream and downstream energy sectors as well as an energy technology and policy expert from The University of Texas at Austin Energy Institute.

13:00-14:15

**LUNCH  
THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE U.S.-CHINA  
RELATIONSHIP: PERSPECTIVES FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE**

*Venue: Grande Ballroom*

**MODERATOR**

Mr. **David J. FIRESTEIN**, President and CEO, George H. W. Bush Foundation for U.S.-China Relations

**SPEAKERS**

Governor **Bob HOLDEN**, Former Governor of Missouri

Mr. **Dan SLANE**, Former Chairman, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission

Please join us for a fireside chat with both sides of the aisle, as David Firestein speaks with former Democratic Governor of Missouri, Bob Holden, and Dan Slane, a member of President Trump's transition team and former chair of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Speaking from their experiences in the U.S. state and federal governments and as leading members of the Democratic and

Republican parties, Governor Holden and Mr. Slane will share their views and impressions of the U.S.-China relationship over the last 40 years, their thoughts on the bilateral relationship today and where the relationship is headed (including predictions on the U.S. 2020 presidential election!).

**14:30-15:45**

**SESSION III  
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE: U.S.-CHINA PARTNERSHIP AND  
COOPERATION**

*In partnership with the U.S.-China Agriculture and Food Partnership*

*Venue: Grande Ballroom*

**MODERATOR**

Mr. **William W. WESTMAN**, Senior Vice President, International Affairs and Administration, North American Meat Institute

**PANELISTS**

Dr. **Travis ARP**, Senior Director, Export Services/Access, United States Meat Export Federation

Mr. **Andrew K. GEE**, Senior Director, Albright Stonebridge Group

Mr. **Eric TRACHTENBERG**, Co-Founder and Co-Chair, Alliance for Food & Health

Mr. **William W. WESTMAN**, Senior Vice President, International Affairs and Administration, North American Meat Institute

Twenty-seven years after then Hebei Province party official Xi Jinping visited Muscatine, Iowa, he returned to the state in 2012 as the next president of China. The focal point of President Xi's visit was agriculture, and seven years after that visit, food and agricultural issues remain an area ripe for collaboration between the United States and China. Please join our panelists as they highlight the work of the U.S.-China Agriculture and Food Partnership, a public coordinator for U.S.-China bilateral food and agricultural cooperation founded in the tradition of the agricultural symposium at the heart of President Xi's 2012 Iowa visit, and other ways the U.S. agriculture industry is working with China. How have the trade tensions affected collaborative efforts, and where can the two countries continue to make progress in their cooperation on food and agricultural issues, notwithstanding difficulties in other parts of the relationship?

**15:45-16:00**

**COFFEE BREAK**

*Venue: Grande Foyer*

**16:00-17:15**

**SESSION IV  
GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES: U.S. AND CHINESE  
COOPERATION**

*In partnership with the Alliance for Food & Health*

*Venue: Grande Ballroom*

**MODERATOR**

Mr. **Eric TRACHTENBERG**, Co-Founder and Co-Chair, Alliance for Food & Health

**PANELISTS**

Dr. **Thomas BUTT**, Principal Research Associate, University College London

Dr. **Gordon SHEN**, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, Policy, and Community Health, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health

Mr. **Eric TRACHTENBERG**, Co-Founder and Co-Chair, Alliance for Food & Health

An expert working group of U.S.-and Chinese representatives from the government, private and academic sectors came together earlier in the day at the Bush China Conference to discuss how the United States and China can collaborate, bilaterally and within multilateral systems, to combat non-communicable diseases and bolster health and well-being. Please join our panelists as they explore the socio-demographic challenges impacting the public health goals of China and the United States today. We will discuss both countries' health system strengthening efforts over the last decade and how this intersects with the food system in achieving better health globally. We will ask how can the U.S. and Chinese public and private sectors in both countries develop cooperative solutions to tackling global health threats, and how can the two countries work within a multi-stakeholder approach to address the most critical health issues facing the global community in the twenty-first century? Panelists will speak from their diverse range of expertise and experiences and share observations and conclusions from the working group discussion. Following this panel, the working group will reconvene with the aim of coalescing recommendations and proposals developed in both the working group discussion and during the panel session into an actionable next-steps agenda.

**17:30-19:00**

**NETWORKING RECEPTION**

*Venue: Under the Live Oak*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019**

**7:30-8:30 REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**

*Venue: Grande Foyer*

**8:30-9:45 SESSION V  
OPPORTUNITIES AMIDST CHALLENGES IN TODAY'S U.S.-CHINA  
TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONSHIP**

*In partnership with the US-China Business Council and the China  
General Chamber of Commerce*

*Venue: Grande Ballroom*

**MODERATOR**

Mr. **David J. FIRESTEIN**, President and CEO, George H. W. Bush  
Foundation for U.S.-China Relations

**PANELISTS**

Mr. **CHEN Mingxu**, President, GD Copper USA

Mr. **John LENHART**, Senior Director, Global Government Affairs (Asia),  
Walmart, Inc.

Mr. **NI Xiaoming (Jeb)**, Vice President, Zhejiang Sanhua Intelligent  
Controls Co., Ltd. of China

Mr. **Jacob PARKER**, Senior Vice President, US-China Business Council

For the past 40 years, the trade and investment component of the U.S.-China relationship has stood out as the most visible and fastest growing area of cooperation between the two nations, often acting as a ballast when collaboration in other parts of the relationship have faltered. Despite a sharp deterioration in the overall tenor surrounding the trade and investment relationship in recent years, mainly at the national level, and notwithstanding the intractability of some issues on the current agenda, corporations, investors and other businesses from both countries have continued to seek out and pursue new opportunities and modes of cooperation in the trade and investment area. Please join our panelists as they speak about the innovative ways they have dealt with the issues posed by the current U.S.-China trade friction and discuss what actionable steps major corporations, investors, business owners and policymakers from both countries can take to manage the current tensions, despite the existing difficulties that may continue to dictate much of the trade and investment relationship, and to bring about a better status quo in the trade and investment relationship.

**9:45-11:00**

**SESSION VI  
THE SHIFTING SECURITY LANDSCAPE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC**

*In partnership with the National Committee on American Foreign Policy*

*Venue: Grande Ballroom*

**MODERATOR**

Ambassador **Susan M. ELLIOTT**, President and CEO, National Committee on American Foreign Policy

**PANELISTS**

Dr. **SHAO Yuqun**, Director, Institute of Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau Studies, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies

Ambassador **Kathleen STEPHENS**, President and CEO, Korea Economic Institute

Ambassador **SU Ge**, Co-Chair, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council

Ms. **Susan A. THORNTON**, Former Acting Assistant Secretary of State, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, United States Department of State

Security competition between the United States and China is rising in line with China's growing national power and military modernization. The two countries have different strategic interests on a range of security issues—how to resolve Taiwan's status, territorial disputes in the South China Sea, the North Korean nuclear issue and recently, the security implications of integrated high technology supply chains and the political implications of regional development projects.

Please join our panelists for an overview of strategic security competition in the Asia-Pacific. At a time in bilateral relations where China has been identified in U.S. strategy documents as seeking to revise the international order, how can the United States and China manage security competition and avoid conflict? Where do our strategic interests overlap and how can we constructively build on areas of agreement to set up for the next 40 years of relations?

**11:00-11:15**

**COFFEE BREAK**

*Venue: Grande Foyer*

11:15-12:30

**SESSION VII  
A MILLENNIAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE U.S.-CHINA RELATIONSHIP  
IN 40 YEARS**

*Venue: Grande Ballroom*

**MODERATOR**

Mr. **Andi ZHOU**, Ph.D. Student, Department of Government, Harvard University

**PANELISTS**

Dr. **Kyle CHAUVIN**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University

Ms. **Chun Po Chiu (Angelica) CHOY**, Schwarzman Scholar and Entrepreneur, Tsinghua University

Mr. **Andrew K. GEE**, Senior Director, Albright Stonebridge Group

Ms. **Naima GREEN-RILEY**, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Government, Harvard University

Mr. **Fei GUO**, Ph.D. Student, Department of History, The University of Texas at Austin

Mr. **Lawrence J. LIU**, J.D./Ph.D. Student, Yale Law School and University of California, Berkeley

Ms. **Lin WANG**, Schwarzman Scholar 2019, Tsinghua University

Dr. **Zhe (Walter) WANG**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Building Technology Department, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

Mr. **Ali WYNE**, Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation

Ms. **Zelda Hanyu ZHAO**, Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, Department of Government, Harvard University

**MENTORS**

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Ambassador **Susan M. ELLIOTT**, President and CEO, National Committee on American Foreign Policy

Dr. **FANG Songying**, Associate Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Rice University

Mr. **David J. FIRESTEIN**, President and CEO, George H. W. Bush Foundation for U.S.-China Relations

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Mr. **Bill WESTMAN**, Senior Vice President, International Affairs and Administration, North American Meat Institute

Please join us for a fascinating conversation with the future leaders of the world's most important bilateral relationship—the 2019 Bush China Conference's Millennial Masterminds of the U.S.-China Relationship. The Millennial Masterminds represent the seminal U.S. and Chinese minds of the generation born and raised in the 1990s. Coming from backgrounds in academia, policy, business, technology, journalism, law and more, the Millennial Masterminds met together for two days of discussions prior to



the conference to deliberate on what U.S.-China relations will look like in 40 years. Today's panel will feature highlights and insights from their conversations and predictions for both countries' internal affairs, global security challenges, economic trends and the overall bilateral relationship in 2059.

**12:45-14:15**

**LUNCH**

*Venue: Grande Ballroom*

**14:30-16:00**

**SESSION VIII  
U.S.-CHINA POLICY HACKATHON: REGIONAL-LEVEL POLICIES TO  
PROMOTE BUSINESS INNOVATION COLLABORATION**

*In partnership with Z LAB*

*Venue: Grande Ballroom*

**MODERATOR & FACILITATOR**

Dr. **Sunny ZHANG**, Founder and President, Z LAB

**JUDGES**

Mr. **Angelos ANGELOU**, Founder and CEO, International Accelerator

Ms. **Ying McGUIRE**, Global Vice President, Technology Integration Group

Mr. **Chris OLSON**, Director, Trade and International Affairs, City of Houston

**TEAM 1**

Mr. **Maiyue CHENG**, Founding Trustee, Wuzhen Institute

Ms. **Min FAN**, Founder, USChinaNOW

Mr. **Mark LaVALLE**, Partner, KPMG

Mr. **Ryan RAY**, Managing Director, R-Squared Global

**TEAM 2**

Ms. **Rosana ELLIS**, Chief Operating Officer, PhDsoft Technology Inc.

Mr. **Jordan FRISBY**, Economist, Port Houston

Ms. **Michelle LI**, Assistant President, Coway International TechTrans Co., Ltd.

Dr. **Stone ZHANG**, Managing Director, InnovationMap Inc.

**TEAM 3**

Dr. **Haoyi CHEN**, Ph.D., J.D., Partner, Arch & Lake LLP, Houston Office

Dr. **Scott HUTCHESON**, Continuing Lecturer, Purdue University

Mr. **Alan MORGAN**, President and CEO, Innovaum, LLC

Ms. **Yiping SHEN**, CEO, WE Innovation Group

**MENTORS**

Mr. **Charles KNOBLOCH**, Attorney, Patents, Trademarks, Copyright  
Dr. **Scott SHEMWELL**, Managing Director, Rapid Response Institute  
Mr. **Mark WINCHESTER**, Deputy District Director, U.S. Small Business  
Administration

Keying off of the technology innovation concept of a “hack”, the exploratory development of innovative and novel solutions to problem sets, the 2019 Bush China Conference’s U.S.-China Policy Hackathon kicked off earlier this morning, with three competing teams who were given five hours to develop a “policy hack” to the following question:

Given the current tensions in the U.S.-China relationship, particularly at the federal level, what policies can local officials and regional stakeholders in the United States adopt to encourage Americans and Chinese to work together to generate new, value-adding and mutually beneficial innovation in business, trade and investment?

Join our panel of expert judges for a pitch session to select the best “policy hack” to this pressing issue in the U.S.-China relationship. As a member of the audience, your voice will be represented through interactive voting in ConnexMe, the conference application.

**16:00-16:30**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

*Venue: Grande Ballroom*

**SPEAKER**

Mr. **David J. FIRESTEIN**, President and CEO, George H. W. Bush Foundation for U.S.-China Relations

**16:30-18:00**

**CLOSING RECEPTION**

*Venue: Manor House*